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11. (SBU) Discussing reftel with Pol-Mil Chief on February 16, Emmanuel Papadoyorgakis, Deputy Director of the Greek MFA's UN and International Organizations Directorate, said that Greece had offered 30 soldiers to MINUSTAH following the Security Council's January 18 authorization to expand the mission, but at the end of January, the UNDPKO had determined not to pursue the Greek offer further. Papadoyorgakis said that the small contingent Greece had offered would not have been self-sufficient, and that the Greek mission to the UN in New York had reported that priority was being given to larger contributors. He understood that of the 2,000 additional military personnel authorized by the UNSC for MINUSTAH, contributions from Brazil, Japan, South Korea, and the Dominican Republic had gone a long way toward meeting the requirement.

- 12. (U) On a separate but related note, Greek Deputy Foreign Minister Spyros Kouvelis traveled to Haiti February 8 on board a Greek 747 aircraft to deliver about 50 tons of medical and humanitarian supplies contributed by the Greek government. Greece was ready to deliver the aid in the days following the quake, but the flight was delayed due to lack of landing slots for that size aircraft at overcrowded Haitian air cargo facilities. Greece also contributed approximately 200,000 euros to the World Food Program for Haiti efforts.
- 13. (U) Minimize considered. MCCARTHY